



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4361**  
Kenji SAITO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0635A  
Serial No. 10/532,586 : Group Art Unit 3723  
Filed June 17, 2005 : Examiner Robert J. Scruggs  
  
SURFACE-TREATING PROCESS  
FOR VACUUM MEMBER : **Mail Stop: RCE**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AFTER RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed September 24, 2007, and in further response to the Final Office Action of June 22, 2007 and the Advisory Action of October 10, 2007, further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing remarks.

**Arguments Presented Prior to Expiration of Suspension of Action**

MPEP § 709 states that a supplemental reply will be entered if it is filed within the period during which action is suspended by the Office under 37 CFR 1.103(c). Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following comments, as they are timely submitted during the period during which action is suspended.

**Telephone Interviews with the Examiner**

Applicants kindly thank the Examiner for his courtesy and helpful comments provided during the telephone interviews of November 29, 2007 and December 13, 2007. During the initial interview, Applicants' representative pointed to the Examiner's position in the Advisory